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APPENDIX

The author gratefully acknowledges the assistance of a number of individuals in the Department of Education. With the exception of the names of all fourth-grade students and their parents, all names are pseudonyms.

A number of studies about the direction of Federal involvement in education will be available to Members of Congress with primary responsibility for policy in this area—the authorizing committees, who shape the legislation; the budget committees, who set overall spending targets; and the appropriations committees, who recommend the final allocation of funds among the programs. This paper examines the current Federal role in elementary-secondary education, what is known about its effects on state and local agencies, the Federal budget, and the students served by Federal programs, and the extent and consequences of some alternative major policy directions that the Congress could take in the coming years.

THE CONTEXT

Three issues continue to dominate the debate over the Federal role in education:

Local control of schools. The public school enterprise in the United States is deeply rooted in the concept that decisions on education, particularly those relating to curriculum and resource allocation, should be made at the local level. While the Federal Government has always been involved to some degree, they

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... The Supreme Court has continued during the last two years to limit sharply the way in which public money can fund services to children in nonpublic schools. The Court has disapproved the provision of auxiliary services (for example, remedial instruction, counseling, and speech and hearing services) and the loan of instructional material and equipment to sectarian schools; however, it has maintained that the loan of textbooks is permissible under certain conditions. *Meek v. Pittenger*, 401 U.S. 59 (1971), and *Walton v. Michigan*, 401 U.S. 656 (1971).

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of the total funds for the elementary and secondary education. At the end of the 1980s, during the last decade, the state share in financial resources for education had declined to approximately 40 percent in fiscal year 1990, and the local share had correspondingly decreased to about 52 percent (1). However, this proportion varies considerably by state. The National Center for Education Statistics estimates that federal resources constituted 21.2 percent of the total funds spent on education in Mississippi in 1975-76, and only 3.8 percent in Michigan (see Table 1). The variation among jurisdictions leads to a wide range of educational opportunities, especially for the most disadvantaged students. The federal government has been unable to reduce this variation.

The proportion of total state revenue that is allocated to education is estimated to be around 20 percent. Revenue sharing funds spent by states in education can be broken only partially into federal government financing. In fiscal year 1977, only 10 percent of the total state funds (according to the Office of Revenue Sharing) in fiscal year 1975 states spent 60 percent, or \$1.51 billion of their federal revenue sharing funds on education. Approximately 67 percent of all state funds from all non-categorical sources that were spent on education were devoted to elementary-secondary services. Using these approximate ratios to reallocate funds to their initial source, the federal share in education is 20 percent and the state share about 35 percent.

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12. *Urban and Rural Patterns of Federal Aid to School Districts: Origins of the "Urban Bias" Search for Political Justification, H.W. Fogel, 1973.*

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This is a very important question, and one that has been raised in the past. The Department of Education has been asked to consider the possibility of providing financial support to states for the development of such programs. It is clear that such support would be necessary to ensure that all states have the resources to develop and implement such programs. The Department is currently reviewing the issue and will report back to the Congress in the near future.

The Department is also aware of the fact that many states are currently facing budget deficits. This has led to a number of states cutting back on their educational programs. The Department is currently working with these states to help them find ways to maintain their educational programs despite the budget deficits. This includes providing technical assistance and sharing best practices. The Department is committed to ensuring that all children have access to a high-quality education, and we will continue to work with the states to achieve this goal.

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and the need for special education services. The problem is that the current funding system is not designed to meet the needs of these children. The current system is based on a formula that does not take into account the additional costs of special education. As a result, many states are unable to provide the services that these children need. This is a serious problem that needs to be addressed. The federal government should provide additional funding to states to help them meet the needs of these children. This funding should be based on the number of children in special education, not just the total number of children in the state. This will ensure that all children receive the services they need to succeed in school and in life.

The federal government should provide a minimum of two dollars for every child in special education programs for the disadvantaged. This is a very small amount of money, but it is a start. It is a start towards ensuring that all children have access to the services they need. The federal government should also provide additional funding for the most disadvantaged children. This funding should be based on the child's income level and the state's per capita income. This will ensure that the most disadvantaged children receive the most additional funding. This funding should be used for a variety of purposes, including providing additional services, providing additional staff, and providing additional materials. This will ensure that all children receive the services they need to succeed in school and in life.

More than just the usual concern about education, a question about how well school districts spend their additional and discretionary money is the subject of a study by Stephen Barry and Stephen Carroll of RAND Corporation. Barry and Carroll examined the way in which school districts spent their money when budgets were increased.

U.S. Office of Economic Assistance, "Budgets of Federal Assistance for Vocational Rehabilitation," Report No. 33D-73-31, December 1973.

Barry, Stephen M., and Stephen G. Carroll, Budget Allocation in Schools: An Analysis of Spending for Teachers and Schools, RAND Corporation, Report No. 33D-73-31, December 1973.

The first aspect of the model is the direct link between the quality of the content and the quality of the learning. The model suggests that the quality of the content is the primary determinant of the quality of the learning. This is because the content provides the raw material for the learning process. If the content is poor, the learning will be poor. On the other hand, if the content is good, the learning will be good. This is a simple but powerful idea. It suggests that the focus should be on improving the content rather than on other factors such as the teacher or the student. This is a radical idea because it suggests that the content is more important than the teacher or the student.

The second aspect of the model is the indirect link between the quality of the content and the quality of the learning. This link is mediated by the teacher and the student. The teacher's role is to select and present the content in a way that is appropriate for the student. The student's role is to engage with the content and learn from it. This link is more complex than the direct link because it involves the interaction of the teacher and the student. It suggests that the teacher and the student play a crucial role in determining the quality of the learning. However, the model suggests that the quality of the content is still the most important factor.

¹¹ The term "educational materials" has recently replaced a collection of terms such as "textbooks," "workbooks," "materials," etc. In this report, the term "educational materials" is used to refer to all of these terms. The term "educational materials" is used because it is a more general term that encompasses all of these terms.



of Title I. The results of the analysis of the interaction of Title I with the type of school (i.e., non-compensatory vs. compensatory) are shown in Table 4. The interaction is significant at the .05 level, and the analysis indicates that the Title I program is more effective in compensatory schools than in non-compensatory schools. This finding is consistent with the findings of the analyses of the interaction of Title I with the type of program (i.e., full-time vs. part-time) and the interaction of Title I with the type of student (i.e., non-remedial vs. remedial). The interaction of Title I with the type of program and the interaction of Title I with the type of student are also significant at the .05 level. The interaction of Title I with the type of program is also significant at the .05 level, and the analysis indicates that the Title I program is more effective in full-time programs than in part-time programs. The interaction of Title I with the type of student is also significant at the .05 level, and the analysis indicates that the Title I program is more effective in remedial students than in non-remedial students. The interaction of Title I with the type of program and the interaction of Title I with the type of student are also significant at the .05 level, and the analysis indicates that the Title I program is more effective in full-time programs and in remedial students than in part-time programs and in non-remedial students. The interaction of Title I with the type of program and the interaction of Title I with the type of student are also significant at the .05 level, and the analysis indicates that the Title I program is more effective in full-time programs and in remedial students than in part-time programs and in non-remedial students.

While there is some controversy about the effectiveness of Title I programs, our study is intended for essentially all students and remedially disadvantaged pupils (see footnote 2). The results of our study indicate that schools receiving Title I funds also scored significantly higher than schools not receiving Title I funds. In Title I schools, 50 percent of the students were reading one or more grade levels above the 77 percent of schools with Title I funds, and 64 percent of the students in Title I compensatory programs. In the free lunch program, selection criteria are based on family income. A greater proportion of non-remedial Title I programs were non-white than in other Title I programs (see Table 4).

Are Title I services supplementary, not intended? Resources available to compensatory students were greater, in every case, than resources available to non-compensatory students in schools either receiving or not receiving Title I programs. As discussed because smaller or larger schools compensated with compensatory students, resources available to Title I students were also more likely to be supplementary, not intended, specialized reading groups,

the proportion of correct responses. The results of this study are consistent with earlier research which found that Title I students in compensatory programs had a higher proportion of correct answers than the number of years of education they had attained. One of the methods chosen by researchers at ETE to express these changes was to compare the number of correct responses of compensatory students as a percent of the number of correct responses by non-compensatory students. During during a school year, compensatory students increased their number of correct responses from 70 percent to 75 percent of the correct answers of students in schools without compensatory programs at the fourth grade level and 13 percentage points at the second grade level. There is some evidence that Title I students who have gained an ability during a school year to answer their questions during the current study of this question is in progress.

Do Title I programs improve student attitudes toward learning? In contrast to earlier analysis of data from the 1966 Equality of Educational Opportunity Survey which found disadvantaged students progressively more fatalistic about the benefits of education as they proceeded through the schooling process, ETE researchers found that "compensatory students become increasingly more favorable towards themselves as readers and in their liking for reading activities and improve more in these attitudes than do non-compensatory students (within each of grades 1 and 6 and 7). As a result, they come to equal or surpass their peers at the end of the academic year." (5)

These ETE conclusions do not necessarily lead to unqualified support of Title I programs, but they do indicate that Title I is more successful than was previously believed.

Education for the Handicapped. The federal involvement in the education of handicapped students is in the process of substantial change. Formerly, funds were available for a variety of special efforts, including searching for and identifying previously unserved students. A relatively small amount of support was also available for general services. Beginning in 1978 (advance funded

7. U.S. Office of Education, Office of Planning, Budgeting, and Evaluation, "A Study of Compensatory Learning Programs: A Technical Summary," Washington, D.C., 1976, p. 42.

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